

## **POLICY AND PROCEDURES 5-01/MGR**

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### **SUPPORT FOR SUSTAINABILITY**

#### **POLICY STATEMENT**

It is the intent of the City of Palo Alto to be a sustainable community – one which meets its current needs without compromising the ability of future generations to meet their own needs. In adopting this policy, the City of Palo Alto accepts its responsibility, through its operations, programs and services to:

**Economy:** Maintain a healthy, thriving and well-balanced economy comprising a blend of large and small business, which encourages the development of independent businesses and is resilient to the economic changes common to California's economy

**Social Equity:** Continuously improve the quality of life for all Palo Alto community members without adversely affecting others

**Environment:** Enhance the quality of the air, water, land and other natural resources by minimizing human impacts on local, regional and global ecosystems through greater conservancy, reduced pollution, increased efficiency, and protection of native vegetation, fish, wildlife habitats and other ecosystems.

In working toward these goals, the City will, when appropriate, align and partner with community groups, businesses, non-profits, and neighboring communities.

*NOTE: Questions and/or clarification of this policy should be directed to the City Manager's Office.*